

North Central Neighborhood Association  
May 6, 2010

Meeting called to order by Maggie Anderson, President.

Welcome and self-introductions around the table.  
In attendance:

**Land Use Updates:**

- There has been no significant progress regarding development of the property near the corner of Stark Street and Cleveland Avenue adjoining Olympic Gym. There are still 3+ years left on the permit to perform the project. Due to concerns regarding tree cutting, it is recommended concerned neighbors contact Rita Humphry at City of Gresham Code Enforcement if they believe unauthorized tree removal has been performed.
- The commercial development at the corner of Eastman Parkway and Halsey is requesting to create a parking area closer to the building and move planting areas.
- There is no update on the project under consideration to build an Auto Zone in the existing parking lot located at Burnside Road and Kelly Avenue.

**Land Use New Business:**

- The house located on Eastman Parkway has a valid seasonal permit to sell plants from their home.

**Non-Agenda Items:**

- Neighborhood Association meeting notification signs are available from Maggie Anderson. Signs are to be placed in yards 1 week prior to meetings.
- Neighborhood Night Out is August 3, 2010. Ideas and involvement welcome from the community. Current plans include a potluck at Red Sunset park.
- There is a new neighborhood watch group within our community. Discussion involved how the meeting went and its benefits to those neighbors.
- The association has been granted usage of a booth at Saturday market to promote involvement, however, the City is waiting for interest from other Neighborhood Associations before proceeding.
- Elections performed and agreed upon. President Maggie Anderson and Vice President Joni Jones will maintain their current positions. Tia Hough was voted in as Secretary.

**Special Guest Speaker:** None

Requested speakers for next meetings: Code Enforcement

### **Red Sunset Park Cleanup:**

Reminder: Next clean-up date is May 22, 2010 9-10am. Volunteers needed.

New Proposed Dates: June 19, July 17<sup>th</sup> and August 21, 2010

### **Concerns from Neighbors:**

- Questions pertaining to managing graffiti were discussed. It is requested that residents who encounter graffiti on their own property take photos to send to Cathy Harrington at City of Gresham, or file a police report. The resident is required to remove the graffiti from their property. There are cleanup kits available from the City of Gresham as needed. If additional assistance is required, please contact the neighborhood association and/or Cathy Harrington at (503) 618-3000 for additional resources. If the graffiti is on public property, please photograph it and send the photos to Cathy Harrington so that others can remove it. Cathy's E-mail: [cathy.harrington@greshamoregon.gov](mailto:cathy.harrington@greshamoregon.gov).
- A concerned neighbor questioned the level of crime rates within her neighborhood. It was discussed that this individual's neighborhood did not seem like a particularly high crime area. It was suggested the neighbor could view [www.crimereports.com](http://www.crimereports.com) for listings of criminal activity. It was also discussed that anyone witnessing criminal activities should always report the problem immediately.

### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

- Sidewalk surveys are being done online at the City of Gresham website. The goal is to identify the need for sidewalks. Cleveland Avenue was discussed as a street that would greatly benefit from sidewalks.
- A request for participants in advisory citizen committees was expressed. The youth advisory committee is also requesting participation from adolescents' grades 9-12.

Next Meeting: June 3, 2010, 7:00pm at Gresham City Hall

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45pm.

Minutes of Meeting as Reported by:  
Tia Hough, Secretary NCNA